



National Prevention Network

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Dear Colleague:

The National Prevention Network (NPN) is pleased to announce the *Call for Proposals* for the 18th Annual NPN Prevention Research Conference. The conference is scheduled to take place in New York City on August 28-31, 2005. The conference theme is “**Prevention Science: Avenues to Healthier Communities**”. Last year over 900 people attended the conference. The increased number and diversity of prevention presentations resulted in expanded audiences attending the conference. We anticipate at least that many will attend in New York.

The 18th Annual Prevention Research Conference will incorporate National, State, and Regional prevention presentations. The conference brochure, which will be distributed in June, will give further details on the specific content of the conference. Planners anticipate a high quality, well-attended conference. For each proposal accepted, one (1) presenter will receive a conference registration scholarship. All other expenses such as travel, lodging and per diem will be the responsibility of the presenters.

Enclosed you will find information on the “Intent to Submit” and “Conference Proposal” submission process. We are anticipating proposals in each of six core areas: Prevention Theory and Advanced Prevention Science; Practical Prevention Application and/or Replications; Environmental Strategies; Systems Development: Implementing Prevention Science Across Systems (must include evaluation data to support successful implementation); Research to Practice; and Emerging Issues (this topic highlights areas of practice emerging for the prevention field). We invite you to submit a proposal or encourage colleagues to submit a proposal. If you plan to submit a proposal, please complete the “Intent to Submit a Workshop Proposal” form at <http://swpc.ou.edu/npn> by February 4, 2005. See details regarding instructions and guidelines for submitting proposals at <http://swpc.ou.edu/npn>. The proposals are due on February 4, 2005.

The purpose of the conference is to highlight and introduce evidence-based programs, innovations, practices and principles moving toward high quality prevention program implementation. Eighty five to one hundred participants attend the average workshop. While we understand the need to provide participants with the valuable resources from your organization, due to limited time during workshop sessions, we invite you to showcase your products and services in our exhibit area. For more information regarding the exhibit area, please contact Jenni Bivens at 405/325-0563 or jbivens@ou.edu. Of course, participants greatly appreciate handouts and copies of presentations for workshops. We provide all participants with a CD containing all materials that presenters provide us prior to the materials deadline, and encourage you to do so if your proposal is accepted.

The program committee will notify all proposal presenters no later than April 1, 2005 regarding your proposals’ acceptance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Bill Lowenstein, Program Committee Co-Chair at (207) 287-6484 or William.lowenstein@maine.gov or John Ernst, Program Committee Co-Chair at (518) 485-2132 or johnernst@oasas.state.ny.us.

Be a part of **Prevention Science: Avenues to Healthier Communities**. We look forward to reviewing your proposal and thank you for your interest in the 18th Annual NPN Prevention Research Conference.

Sincerely,

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